

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION**

**SHAWN JACOBS**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 08-1645**

**VS.**

**SECTION P**

**OFFICER “JOHN DOE”**

**JUDGE JAMES**

**MAGISTRATE JUDGE HAYES**

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Pro se* plaintiff Shawn Jacobs, proceeding *in forma pauperis*, filed the instant civil rights complaint on October 31, 2008. When he filed his complaint plaintiff was incarcerated at the Jackson Parish Corrections Center, Jonesboro, Louisiana. He claimed that an unknown officer of the Ruston, Louisiana Police Department used excessive force against him on July 2, 2008. He prayed for an unspecified amount of monetary damages. This matter was referred to the undersigned for review, report, and recommendation in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §636 and the standing orders of the court.

On December 22, 2008, the undersigned completed an initial review and directed plaintiff to amend his complaint on or before January 26, 2009. [rec. doc. 4] Plaintiff has not complied with that order.

**LAW AND ANALYSIS**

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 41(b) permits dismissal of claims “For failure of the plaintiff to prosecute or to comply with ... any order of court...” The district court also has the inherent authority to dismiss an action *sua sponte*, without motion by a defendant. *Link v. Wabash R.R.Co.*, 370 U.S. 626, 630-31, 82 S.Ct. 1386, 1388-89, 8 L.Ed.2d 734 (1962). “The power to invoke this sanction is necessary in order to prevent undue delays in the disposition of

pending cases and to avoid congestion in the calendars of the [d]istrict [c]ourts.” *McCullough v. Lynaugh*, 835 F.2d 1126, 1127 (5th Cir.1988).

Petitioner has not complied with the order of December 22, 2008, nor has he requested additional time within which to comply.

Therefore,

**IT IS RECOMMENDED** that plaintiff’s Civil Rights Complaint be **DISMISSED** in accordance with the provisions of FRCP Rule 41(b).

Under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. Section 636(b)(1)(C) and Rule 72(b), parties aggrieved by this recommendation have ten (10) business days from service of this report and recommendation to file specific, written objections with the Clerk of Court. A party may respond to another party’s objections within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of any objections or response to the district judge at the time of filing.

**Failure to file written objections to the proposed factual findings and/or the proposed legal conclusions reflected in this Report and Recommendation within ten (10) days following the date of its service, or within the time frame authorized by Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b), shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking either the factual findings or the legal conclusions accepted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error. See, *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415 (5th Cir. 1996).**

In Chambers, Monroe, Louisiana, March 4, 2009.

  
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KAREN L. HAYES  
U. S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE